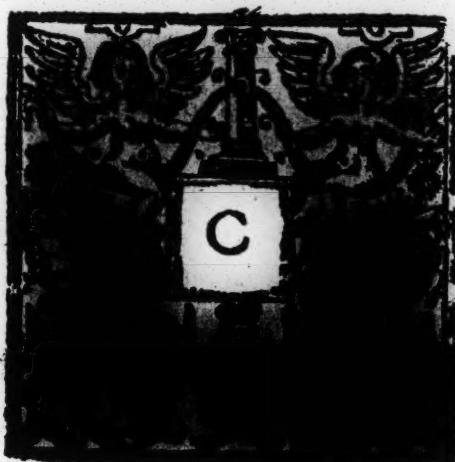




A PROCLAMATION;

Anent the S A L T.

Edinburgh, the ninth day of March, one thousand six hundred and seventy one.



CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain,
France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To

Machers or
Messengers at Armes, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly
and severally specially constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch as
it hath always been Our great care, for the good of Our
Subjects in this Our ancient Kingdom, to improve and
encourage the Manufactories thereof; And considering, that
by the excessive importation of Foreign Salt, and the applying thereof to all domestick
and ordinary uses, contrary to the intent of many good Laws made thereanent, the
ancient and useful Manufactory of Salt is like to be ruined, and many thousands of
poor people who are thereby maintained, in hazard to be brought to extream poverty:
And finding also, that by the unlimited importation of Foreign Salt, We are frequently
defrauded of Our Custom and Excise due to Us out of the same, notwithstanding of all
endeavours in the contrair. We therefore, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy
Council, do hereby prohibite and discharge all persons whatsoever, either Natives or
Foreigners, without the particular Licence of the Lords Commissioners of Our
Treasury, to import any Salt into this Our Kingdom, from and after the tenth day
of April next, in this instant year of God, one thousand six hundred and seventy one years,
under the pain of confiscation to Our behoove of the same, and of the Ships and Vessels
in which the same happens to be imported. And Ordains these presents to be printed,
and published at the Mercat-cross of Edinburgh and other places needful, that none
pretend ignorance.

Al. Gibson. Cl. S^t Concilii.

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